

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: Adrian P. Wise, et al.
App. No	: 09/770,157
Filed	: January 26, 2001
For	: MULTISTANDARD VIDEO DECODER AND DECOMPRESSION SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING ENCODED BIT STREAMS INCLUDING START CODE DETECTION AND METHODS RELATING THERETO
Examiner	: Dustin Nguyen
Art Unit	: 2454
Conf No.	: 8565

COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in the Notice of Allowance mailed December 2, 2009. In response to the Notice of Allowance, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

Applicants agree that the claimed subject matter is patentable. However, Applicants take no position regarding the Reasons for Allowance presented by the Examiner other than the positions Applicants may have previously taken during prosecution. Therefore, the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance should not be attributed to Applicants as an indication of the basis for Applicants' belief that the claims are patentable. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully assert that there may also be additional reasons for patentability of the claimed subject matter not explicitly stated in this record and Applicants do not waive their rights to such arguments by not further addressing such reasons herein. Moreover, to the extent that there is any implication in such Statement that the patentability of the claims rests on the recitation of a single feature or the

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combination of particular features, Applicants respectfully disagree, since patentability rests on each claim taken as a whole.

Applicants also respectfully reserve the right to traverse the characterizations of what any particular reference shows or teaches, of what any combination of references shows or teaches, or the appropriateness of combining references. Further, by authorizing certain amendments to the claims by the Examiners, Applicants are not conceding that previously pending claims are not patentable. Rather, the amendments are being authorized to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the application's disclosure. Accordingly, reviewers of this, as well as any parent, child, or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that the Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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